MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: By whom is that done?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: By the Division Officer and the Chief Engineer.

Town Planning for Alleppey.

232. MR. M. L. JANARDANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Alleppey Municipal Council has requested Government to depute a town planning expert to prepare a scheme to enable that Council to take steps for initiating action under Sections 7 to 9 of the Town Planning Regulation;

(*b*) when the request was made; and

(*c*) what action has been taken by Government in regard to that request?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) On 12-10-36 and on 3-6-1938.

(*c*) The matter has been referred to the Chief Engineer who is the Director of Town Planning.

Construction of a canal at Vempally from the Meenachil river.

233. *MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received representations to open a canal at Vempally from the Meenachil river and connect it with the Muttathu *thodu*; and

(*b*) what action they have taken in the matter?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The proposal was examined. The scheme was found too costly to be taken up now and the benefit derived little compared to the expenditure.

Widening the Poothathan thodu.

234. *MR. A. J. JOHN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any steps to widen the Poothathan *thodu* in the Vaikom taluk?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: The proposal is being examined.

Maintenance of the Thalayolaparampu market road.

235. *MR. A. J. JOHN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Thalayolaparampu market road is being maintained and repaired every year?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes.

MR. A. J. JOHN: May I know the amount spent on maintenance last year?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: About 37 rupees.

MR. A. J. JOHN: May I know whether any amount has been spent this year?

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MR. G. B. E TRUSCOTT: There is an annual maintenance grant of Rs. 68 and that is being spent every year?

Appointment powers of District Munsiffs and Tahsildars.

236. *MR. **PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the appointment powers of the District Munsiffs and Tahsildars under the revised Government order R. O. C. No. 379/37/Acc., dated 10-5-1938; and

(*b*) the reason, if any, for such a course being adopted by Government?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The member is referred to the G. O. published in the Gazette dated the 24th May 1938.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I knw whether the order referred to in the answer was passed by Government as a result of certain propcsals submitted to Government by the Financial Secretary?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI. The orders were passed in pursuance of the standardisation G. O and the Public Service Recruitment Rules and in consultation with the Financial Secretary.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Land Revenue Commissioner or the High Court was consulted by Government before the proposals were accepted?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: No such consultation was made because it was in pursuance of a definite policy that the orders were issued by Government.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government the powers exercised by the District Munsiffs and Tahsildars respectively before this Government Order?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI That information is contained in the G. O. itself.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know why the powers of the District Munsiffs and Tahsildars were taken away by the revised order?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: The reason for the change has been explained in detail in the preamble to the G. O. and it was in pursuance of the Standardisation G. O. and the Public Service Recruitment Rules.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the delay in the appointments of substitutes in the vacancy of clerks peons and accountants will affect the routine work of those offices?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: It is expected that the appointing authorities usually dispose of such requisitions expeditiously when vacancies occur.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government whether such delay as may be necessitated in making the appointments will prejudicially affect the routine work of those offices?

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